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ABSTRACT

Focusing on successful management of the school library media center (SLMC) as a system, this latest edition of an authoritative work addresses and integrates the many trends and developments of the past decade while maintaining the vision of the SLMC as the nerve center of the media system--a network of services oriented to the educational program of the school. Contents are divided into three parts. Part 1, "A Management Framework," describes the impact of global forces and the school district on the development and operation of the media center. It also contains a new section that examines the technical and human side of management and a discussion of how the library functions as an information superhighway. Part 2, "Program Activities," explores the library's programmatic activities within the context of its goals. Supportive services offered by the SLMC to students and teachers include guidance and consultant services, instruction and in-service, media production, and curriculum development and improvement. Part 3, "Resources of the LMC," addresses the nature, quality, and quantity of resources available to support programmatic endeavors--personnel, media, technology, facilities, and funds. The ability to access external resources is presented as an integral part of the scenario. Throughout the text, management skills are emphasized. The format of the book has been revised, references have been updated, and current trends in the field have been added. As with previous editions, this book is intended to provide a framework for extensive exploration of literature (print or electronic) and the practical, face-to-face interaction with the realities of managing a school library media center. Part 4, "Appendixes" includes: (A) LearningPac: Using the Electronic Catalog; (B) Glossary of Selected Internet Terms. (Contains subject index and author/title index.) (AEF)

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